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SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

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THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR MENZIES (CANADA) TO ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA THAT WITHHOLDS APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF PLAN BRAVO (REVISED) FOR THE AFCENT/AAFCE COL-LOCATED WAR HEADQUARTERS UNTIL THE MANPOWER, COMMUNICATIONS, AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARE BETTER DEFINED. CANADA HAS MERELY NOTED PLAN BRAVO (REVISED), CALLING THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM, MCM-33-75 THAT ACCOMPANIED PLAN BRAVO, A HELPFUL STATUS REPORT. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT PLAN BRAVO WILL NEED TO COME BEFORE THE DPC AGAIN; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT PLANNING ACTIONS TO DEFINE THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS CITED IN PLAN BRAVO SHOULD PROCEED ALONG WITH OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO MAKE AAFCE A VIABLE HEADQUARTERS IN PEACE AND WAR. FYI; WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY REPRESENTATIVES  
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FROM BOTH THE CANADIAN DEFENSE ADVISOR'S OFFICE AND THE CANADIAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE MILITARY COMMITTEE THAT AMB MENZIES' LETTER DOES NOT REFLECT AN UNWILLINGNESS TO AGREE WITH THE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS OUTLINED IN PLAN BRAVO. WE

ALSO URGED THEM TO MAKE THIS POINT CLEAR WITH THE INTERNATIONAL  
STAFF SO THAT THE DPC DECISION SHEET ON PO/75/83 CAN REFLECT  
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN PLAN BRAVO.  
END FYI.  
BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR PAOLO,

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO PO/75/83 OF JULY 2, 1975, FOLLOWING UP  
THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, MCM-33-75 DATED MAY  
23, 1975, ON PLAN BRAVO FOR THE JOINT STATIC WAR HEADQUARTERS  
FOR AFCENT/AAFCE AT BOERFINK.

WE CONSIDER MCM-33-75 AS A HELPFUL STATUS REPORT ON A PORTION  
OF THE PLAN FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ALLIED AIR FORCES IN  
THE CENTRAL REGION, THE OUTLINE OF WHICH WAS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE  
BY DEFENCE MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1974. MANY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS  
NEED TO BE STUDIED FURTHER IN RESPECT TO PLAN BRAVO, AND THE  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARE STILL FAR FROM BEING DEFINED. IN THESE  
CIRCUMSTANCES WE CONSIDER THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE PLAN IN  
PRINCIPLE, WHICH HAS BEEN REQUESTED MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS  
AN ENDORSEMENT OF ALL THE ACTIONS REPORTED AND PROPOSED BY  
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN MCM-33-75. THEREFORE, CANADA PROPOSES  
TO TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORT ONLY AT THIS TIME AND AWAIT ITS FURTHER  
REFINEMENT.

I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO MY COLLEAGUES ON THE DPC  
AND TO THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

END TEXT.  
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